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SUBJECT: MOERSCH VISIT TO ARGENTINA

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1. MOERSCH PASSED THROUGH BUENOS AIRES JULY 7-9 WITH LITTLE FANFARE AND ONLY BRIEF MENTION IN THE PRESS. HE CALLED ON PRESIDENT VIDELA JULY 8, AND DEPARTED FOR URUGUAY JULY 9.

2. GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT VISIT WENT AS PLANNED; IT WAS A "FACT-FINDING" MISSION AND GAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW GENRAL ARGENTINE-GERMAN RELATIONS, TRADE MATTERS, ETC. MOERSCH DID REINFORCE GERMAN EMBASSY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATIONN ABOUT TWO ARGENTINE-GERMAN DUAL NATIONALS PRESUMED ARRESTED BY GOA SOME WEEKS AGO. GOA HAS BEEN EVASIVE ABOUT THEIR STATUS, AND GERMAN EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED (OR APPARENTLY GREATLY CONCERNED) TO LEARN THAT THEY WERE DEAD, BUT INTEREST IN GERMANY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO MOTIVATE APPROACHES TO GOA EVEN AT MOERSCH LEVEL. SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT FRG SEPARATES "HUMAN RIGHTS" MATTERS FROM ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR HILL IN CONFIDENCE THAT MOERSCH DID RAISE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS CALL ON FOREIGN

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MINISTER GUZZETTI, BUT DID NOT MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT. GERMAN

AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY ADROITNESS
GUZZETTI DISPLAYED IN FIELDING THE QUESTION.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE MOERSCH MAINTAINED CAREFUL RESERVE
ABOUT DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA, BUT DID REFER POINTEDLY TO FRG
INTEREST IN RESIDENT GERMAN COMMUNITY AND DUAL NATIONALS.
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